

HUNTING INCIDENTS 2010

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

| County | Date | Animal Hunted | Casualty Type | Self-Inflicted | Equipment | Shooter Age(s) | Victim Age(s) | Shooter Violation | Victim Violation | Major Factor |
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| 1 Oceana | 04/03/2010 | Pheasant | Non-fatal | No | Shotgun | 51 | 58 | No | No | Victim out of sight of shooter Game Preserve. Victim over a hill out of sight and crested over hill as shooter took shot at a quail. Hit by birdshot. |
| 2 VanBuren | 04/23/2010 | Turkey | Non-fatal | No | Shotgun | 21 | 27 | Yes | Yes | Careless handling of firearm Female scooting backwards in brush with firearm, hammer cocked, and discharged firearm hitting boyfriend at close proximity. |
| 3 Missaukee | 05/01/2010 | Turkey | Fatal | Yes | Muzzleloader | 48 | | No | | Careless handling of firearm While setting up for a turkey hunt, firearm discharged when subject was capping the muzzleloader or when the trigger caught on an object. |
| 4 Grand Traverse | 09/15/2010 | Grouse | Non-fatal | No | Shotgun | 64 | 45 | No | No | Victim out of sight of shooter Subject firing at grouse, birdshot striking a tree and ricochet off a tree striking his hunting partner in the face and arm. |
| 5 Lenawee | 09/27/2010 | Squirrel | Non-fatal | Yes | Shotgun | 28 | | No | | Careless handling of firearm Victim pointed barrel at his foot while racking the firearm. Firearm discharge striking himself in the foot. |
| 6 Mackinaw | 10/03/2010 | Grouse | Non-fatal | No | Shotgun | 44 | 50 | No | No | Victim out of sight of shooter Two subjects walking, bird flushed, victim out of sight in thick cover and took birdshot to the finger, cheek and chin. |
| 7 Baraga | 10/06/2010 | Grouse | Non-fatal | No | Shotgun | 65 | 58 | No | No | Victim out of sight of shooter Subject swinging on Grouse and fires while friend is in line of fire behind brush. Victim struck in back by 20 ga. Birdshot. |
| 8 Lenawee | 10/14/2010 | Squirrel | Fatal | Yes | Shotgun | 14 | | No | | Careless handling of firearm Victim/shooter was crossing over a down tree when the shotgun discharged striking the victim/shooter in the lower abdomen. |

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| 9 | Iron | 11/15/2010 | Deer | Non-fatal | Yes | Rifle | 67 | | No | Careless handling of firearm | |
| Subject loading firearm with the barrel resting on his foot. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Newaygo | 11/15/2010 | Deer | Non-fatal | No | Rifle | 21 | 39 | Yes | No | Victim out of sight of shooter |
| Subject fired two rounds at deer. Second round struck hunters that were positioned near heavy cover beyond his intended target. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Shiawassee | 11/15/2010 | Deer | Non-fatal | Yes | Shotgun | 29 | | No | Careless handling of firearm | |
| Subject was turning the safety off on the firearm when his gloves rubbed on the trigger causing the firearm to discharge. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Allegan | 11/16/2010 | Deer | Fatal | Yes | Rifle | 59 | | Yes | Careless handling of firearm | |
| Victim climbed ladder stand with loaded firearm on a bungee cord, pulled firearm, catching trigger, causing discharge of round through subjects wrist and into face. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Roscommon | 11/27/2010 | Deer | Non-fatal | Yes | Rifle | 16 | | Yes | Careless handling of firearm | |
| Victim/shooter tied off firearm and lowered from blind. While attempting to untie from rope firearm discharged and struck victim in right foot. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Shiawassee | 11/28/2010 | Deer | Non-fatal | Yes | Muzzleloader | 47 | | Yes | Careless handling of firearm | |
| Victim had a loaded muzzleloader in a motor vehicle and was shot in the arm while trying to remove a jacket that was over top of the firearm. | | | | | | | | | | | |





